

George W. Williams fence machine collection S1421

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Williams, George W., 1862-1922
Title	George W. Williams fence machine collection
Date	1890
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Text [Folder]	S1421

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Biographical Note

George W. Williams was the proprietor and sole manufacturer of the Tom Thumb Fence Machine, which he patented on December 1, 1885. He was born on June 18, 1862, and attended Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, in 1881 and 1882. He lived in Economy, Indiana, in 1890, when he wrote this letter. George died on June 16, 1922.

Scope and Contents

The first of two items in this collection is a letter dated March 19, 1890, to R. C. Hinshaw, Salamonia, Indiana, from George W. Williams, proprietor and sole manufacturer of the Tom Thumb Best Fence Machine, in Economy, Indiana. The second item is the envelope with two-cent stamp which was postmarked as received in Salamonia on March 21. Mr. Williams replied to Mr. Hinshaw's letter of March 18. He wrote: "Under the circumstances, I think more than likely it would be advisable to give the required time on the machine." He then discusses payment and states that he cannot "go to any expense in collecting."

Arrangement

There are two items in this collection, a letter and its envelope.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Willard Heiss.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing and finding aid completed on 2015/04/16 by Nikki Stoddard Schofield.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Tom Thumb Best Fench Machine (Economy, Ind.).

Geographic Name(s)

- Economy (Ind.)
- Salamonia (Ind.)

Personal Name(s)

- Hinshaw, R. C.

Subject(s)

- Correspondence
- Fence industry